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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 5th November, 2014

Sub: Guidelines for conducting Odisha Secondary School Teacher Eligibility Test (OSSTET) .

The State Govt. has prescribed guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test for appointment of teachers in the elementary schools in the State for ensuring engagement of quality teacher and quality education at elementary stage. Similarly for ensuring quality education at secondary stage, it becomes imperative for appointment of quality teachers. After careful consideration Govt. have decided that to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in any of the Secondary Schools of the State, one should pass teacher eligibility test and accordingly, framed the following guidelines for conducting OSSTET in the State:—

1. The Teacher Eligibility Test shall be called “*Odisha Secondary School Teacher Eligibility Test*” (OSSTET). OSSTET shall be conducted once in a year or as decided by Government according to need.

2. The Board of Secondary Education, Odisha has been designated as the professional body for conducting OSSTET vide Notification No.24740/SME., Dtd.5.11.2014. Detailed procedure for conducting OSSTET and instructions for carrying out the examination shall be issued by the Board of Secondary Education,(BSE) Odisha. The application form for OSSTET shall also be prescribed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha and submission of application form shall be through online mode.

3. Applicability

OSSTET is applicable to all candidates who possess requisite academic and training qualifications with requisite percentage of marks and to all candidates pursuing the final year of the teacher training courses before the date of publication of advertisement for conducting OSSTET who aspire to become teachers for Secondary Schools of the State i.e. Govt., Pvt. Aided and Pvt. Unaided Schools in the State of Odisha.

4. Eligibility

i. Persons having any of the following educational and training qualifications having passed Odia as MIL up to HSC level or any such equivalent or higher examination or have passed Odia as a subject in specific examination conducted by BSE, Odisha of HSC standard or have passed HSC Examination of BSE, Odisha in Odia medium with MIL other than Odia. (Such candidates who have passed HSC Examination of BSE, Odisha without Odia as MIL should produce a certificate to the effect from the Headmaster of the concerned school that he / she has passed HSC Examination in Odia medium) shall be eligible for appearing in OSSTET.

(a) Category -I TG (Science/Arts) / Hindi /Sanskrit /Urdu/Telugu

(I) TG Science(PCM/CBZ)- Bachelor Degree in Science (with or without honours) from a recognized University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) having at least two school subjects along with a degree in Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) a course recognized by NCTE from a recognized University / Institution.

(II) TG Arts- Bachelor Degree in Arts/Commerce (with or without honours) from a recognized University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) having at least two school subjects along with a degree in Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) a course prescribed by NCTE from a recognized University /Institution.

(III) Hindi Teacher - Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University with Hindi as one of the elective subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) or with Rastrabhasa Ratna from Rastrabhasa Prachar Samiti, Wardha or with Sastri from Orissa Rastrabhasa Parisada, Puri or with Snataka (Acquired by June-2005, the date up to which the temporary recognition has been granted) from Hindi Sikshaya Samiti, Orissa, Cuttack or an equivalent degree from a recognized institution with at least 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) and Hindi

Sikshyan Parangat from Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra/B.H.Ed. a course prescribed by NCTE from a recognized University / Institution/B.Ed. in Hindi (a course prescribed by NCTE) from Dakhin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

OR

Bachelor's Degree with Hindi as one of the optional / Hons. subject with minimum 50% of marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) from a recognized University/ Institution and M.A. in Hindi with minimum 50% marks from a recognized University.

(IV) Classical (Sanskrit) - Bachelors Degree with Sanskrit as one of the optional/Hons subject from a recognised University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) with Sikshaya Sastri (Sanskrit) a course prescribed by NCTE from a recognised University/ Institution or Sastri (Sanskrit) with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) and Sikshaya Sastri (Sanskrit) a course prescribed by NCTE from a recognised University/ Institution.

Acharya (Except Jyotishacharya and Ayurvedacharya) or Sahityacharya with minimum 50% marks in aggregate from a recognized University.

Bachelor's Degree with Sanskrit as one of the optional / Hons subject with minimum 50% of marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) from a recognized University and M.A. in Sanskrit with minimum 50% marks in aggregate from a recognized University.

(V) Classical (Urdu) - Fazil (Urdu) or M.A. (Persian) or B.A. (Persian) with B.Ed. or Alim with B.Ed. from a recognized University/ Institution.

(VI) Classical (Telugu) - Bachelor Degree in Arts having Telugu as a subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate (45% for SC/ST/PH/OBC/SEBC candidates) along with a degree in Bachelor of Education / Telugu B. Ed. a course recognized by NCTE from a University /Institutions recognized by NCTE.

(b) Category -II (PET)

(i) +2 or its equivalent examination with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and CPED from recognized Board /University.

Degree/Postgraduate Degree in Physical Education i.e. B.P.Ed./M.P.Ed. from a recognized University/ Institution.

ii. Persons declared eligible by the State Govt. from time to time.

5. Examination

(i) There shall be two papers of the OSSTET viz-Paper-I and Paper-II.

- a) Persons having requisite academic and training qualification as per category-I have to appear in Paper-I of the Examination.
- b) Persons having requisite academic and training qualification as per category-II have to appear in paper-II of the Examination.
- (ii) The duration of the test in each paper shall be 2 ½ hours.
- (iii) All questions will be Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), each carrying one mark with four alternatives out of which one answer is correct.
- (iv) There shall be three sections in each paper.
- (v) In section-I, the following languages shall be offered;
Odia, Hindi, Telugu, Urdu & Bengali.
The candidate has to choose any one of these languages.
- (vi) In section-II, English subject shall be for all candidates.
- (vii) In section-III, The questions in Arts and Science subjects shall be in English. The question in subjects like Hindi/Classical (Sanskrit/Telugu/Urdu) shall be in respective languages.
- (viii) The question in Physical Education course (paper-II) shall be in English.
- (ix) There shall be no negative marking.

6. Qualifying marks of OSSTET Examination

The minimum pass mark in each paper is 60%. A person securing 60% or more in a paper shall be considered OSSTET pass. In case of SC,ST,PH, OBC/SEBC candidates, the minimum pass mark shall be 50%.

7. Issue of Certificate

Successful candidates shall be awarded an OSSTET Certificate by BSE(O). The Certificate shall contain the name and address of the candidate, date of birth, registration number, year/month of award of certificate & marks obtained in paper(s). The Certificate shall be electronically generated with adequate security features.

8. Validity of OSSTET Certificate

The validity period of OSSTET qualifying certificate /mark sheet shall be for a minimum period of 7 years from the date of OSSTET examination subject to fulfillment of all other eligibility conditions of appointment as may be imposed by the Appointing Authority from time to time.

9. There shall be no restriction on the number of attempts a person can take for acquiring a OSSTET Certificate.

10. The weightage of OSSTET scores in the recruitment process shall be as decided by Government from time to time.

11. Qualifying the OSSTET would not confer a right on any person for recruitment/employment as it is only one of the eligibility criteria for appointment. The eligibility shall finally be verified by the concerned recruiting agency/ appointing authority.

12. Conduct of OSSTET Examination

The examination shall be conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Odisha. Detailed guidelines for conduct of examination including nature and standards of questions selection of Centers of Examination, format of Application Forms, fee structure, valuation of answer sheets, declaration of results, issue of mark sheets and certificate etc. shall be framed by the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha.

All disputes pertaining to the conduct of OSSTET Examination shall be subject to jurisdiction of BSE(O).

13. The detailed syllabus for subjects of both the papers of OSSTET shall be prepared by the Director, T.E. & SCERT, Odisha in consultation with BSE(O). The syllabus shall be made available on the official website of TE & SCERT and BSE(O).

14. The nature and standard of the questions of OSTET shall be reasonable.

ORDER

Ordered that this Resolution will be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

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